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SUMMARY: TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO QATAR EMPHASIZED
GOT'S INTENTION TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH GULF AND ISLAMIC
STATES. IN PRESS INTERVIEW, FONMIN BLASTED MAKARIOS AND
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DESCRIBED STATE OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS AS "MISERABLE". END

SUMMARY

1. JULY 23 EDITION OF QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" CARRIED FURTHER REPORTAGE ON JULY 20-22 VISIT OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL TO QATAR. ARTICLE INCLUDED TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, A FEW ASIDES, AND LONG INTERVIEW.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS STANDARD BOILERPLATE ABOUT FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONS, IDENTICAL VIEWPOINTS ON INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND UNSPECIFIC EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF RECENT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. (NO MENTION MADE OF RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN.) INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT TURKEY, AND THERE WAS CALL FOR STRENGTHENED RELATIONS IN FIELDS OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS, AND EDUCATION. IN AN ASIDE, CAGLAYANGIL REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT TURKEY MIGHT OPEN TRADE OFFICE IN DOHA TO STRENGTHEN TIES IN THAT SECTOR.

3. "AL ARAB" INTERVIEWER OF TURKISH FONMIN PREFACED HIS QUESTION AND ANSWER FORMAT WITH REMARK THAT HE HAD EXPECTED USUAL DIPLOMATIC AMBIGUITY FROM CAGLAYANGIL, BUT WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY HIS CLEAR AND FRANK REPLIES, PARTICULARLY ON CYPRUS AND US-TURKISH RELATIONS. RE CYPRUS, CAGLAYANGIL WAS QUOTED AS LABELING MAKARIOS AS A "CORRUPT" MAN WHO WAS TRYING TO DESTROY GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND ARAB COUNTRIES. RE US-TURKISH RELATIONS, CAGLAYANGIL DESCRIBED THEM AS "MISERABLE".

4. IN INTERVIEW CAGLAYANGIL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. GOT/GULF STATES/ QATAR RELATIONS: AS MATTER OF POLICY, NEW GOT ENDEAVORING TO STRENGTHEN TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH GULF STATES. TURKEY PRESENTED QATARIS WITH DRAFT CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WHICH BEING STUDIED BY GOQ.

B. ISLAMIC FONMINS' MEETING: ISLAMIC COUNTRIES' CONCLAVES DESIGNED TO PROMOTE UNITY AND COOPERATION AMONG THESE NATIONS, AND RECENT MEETING FURTHERED THIS GOAL. EVIDENCE OF TURKEY'S ACTIVE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION WAS THAT NEXT ISLAMIC SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD IN ISTANBUL.

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C. CYPRUS: ASKED ABOUT MAKARIOS' RECENT VISIT TO AREA, CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT THIS HAD NO REPEAT NO CONNECTION WITH HIS OWN VISIT. HOWEVER, HE ACCUSED MAKARIOS OF TRYING TO DESTROY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND ARAB WORLD BY DISTORTING FACTS OF CYPRUS SITUATION. HE STATED GREECE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENT PROBLEM SINCE IT WAS MAKARIOS' AIM TO UNIFY CYPRUS WITH GREECE, AND THIS WAS GOAL OF JULY 15, 1974 COUP WHICH CARRIED OUT WITH COOPERATION OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN GREECE. ACCORDING

CAGLAYANGIL, TURKS HAD MOVED TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS, AND TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY OF TURKISH POPULATION. SINCE THAT TIME GOT HAD DONE ITS UTMOST TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTION, BUT THIS BEING FRUSTRATED BY MAKARIOS. HE SAID SOLUTION NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS GREECE ACTED "RATIONALLY". HE ADVOCATED FEDERAL GOVT WITH SEPARATE GEOGRAPHIC SECTORS, AND RECOGNIZED RIGHTS FOR BOTH COMMUNITIES ON ISLAND.

D. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ARAB AND CYPRIOT CAUSES: CAGLAYANGIL COMPARED VIOLATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS BY ISRAELIS WITH GREEK ATTEMPTS TO DO THE SAME TO TURKISH MUSLIMS ON CYPRUS.

E. RELATIONS WITH NATO: IN ANSWER TO QUESTION ALLEGING THAT TURKEY TRYING TO WITHDRAW FROM NATO, CAGLAYANGIL STATED THAT TURKEY HAD JOINED NATO TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST FOREIGN THREATS AGAINST WHICH TURKEY DID NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF. HE SAID NATO WAS DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE IN WHICH EACH MEMBER HAD EQUAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES, AND HENCE IT WAS NOT RELEVANT TO DISCUSS NATO'S SUPERVISION OR CONTROL OVER ANY OF ITS MEMBERS.

F. RELATIONS WITH US: US/TURKISH RELATIONS NOW EXPERIENCING A "MISERABLE" PERIOD, BECAUSE OF US CONGRESS-IMPOSED BLOCKADE OF TURKEY. CAGLAYANGIL LABELED BLOCKADE INCORRECT AND UNFAIR AND ATTRIBUTED IT TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS UNDER INFLUENCE OF SOME GREEKS IN GREECE AND GREEK MINORITY IN US. HE SAID THESE PEOPLE DO NOT APPRECIATE HOW DAMAGING THEIR ACTION HAS BEEN TO FREE WORLD SECURITY AND SAID THERE WAS GROWING SENTIMENT IN USG AND CONGRESS TO END BLOCKADE. HE SAID TURKEY WAS STILL CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ITSELF DESPITE AMERICAN BLOCKADE, BUT IMPLIED THAT FREE WORLD SECURITY DEPENDED ON LIFTING OF BLOCKADE AND RESULTING IMPROVEMENT IN TURKEY-US RELATIONS. PAGANELLI

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